Amendments to the Specification:

Delete paragraph [012] and replace it with:

Finally, the imaging system may comprise more than one color-forming layer and be designed to be printed with a single thermal print-head, as described in the above-mentioned patent application serial no. 10/151,432, now U.S. Patent 6,801,233 B2. In one embodiment of the imaging system, the topmost color-forming layer forms color in a relatively short time at a relatively high temperature, while the lower layer or layers form color in a relatively long time at a relatively low temperature. An ideal topmost layer for this type of direct thermal imaging system would have time-independent temperature of coloration.

Delete paragraph [028] and replace it with:

Other preferred thermal imaging members are those having the structures described in prior, co-pending commonly assigned United States patent application serial no. 10/151,432 filed May 20, 2002, now U.S. Patent 6,801,233 B2, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety and made a part of this application.

Delete paragraph [044] and replace it with:

The term "alkylamino", as used herein, refers to a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkenyl or heterocycloalkyl group, as previously defined, attached to the parent molecular moiety through a nitrogen atom. Examples of alkylamino radicals include, but are not

limited to, methylamino, ethylamino, ~~hexylaminoand~~ hexylamino and dodecylamino.

Delete paragraph [058] and replace it with:

Where materials of the present invention are used to prepare an imaging medium of the type described in copending United States patent application serial no. 10/151,432 filed May 20, 2002, now U.S. Patent 6,801,233 B2, the process described above is followed for each of the imaging layers. Successive layers may be coated sequentially, in tandem, or in a combination of sequential and tandem coatings.